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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.115

Please amend the application filed herewith as set forth below:

In the specification:

Please replace the paragraph [0150] with the following rewritten paragraph:

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[0150]

Table 7E (size 3-0 barbed suture)

| Measurement | Units | Average | Standard Deviation | Ratio of D, L, or P over Suture Diameter (0.292 mm) |
|--------------------------|---------|------------|--------------------|---|
| cut angle Θ | degrees | 166 | 1.651 | not applicable |
| cut depth D | mm | 0.107 | 0.007 | 0.37 |
| cut length L | mm | 0.443 | 0.042 | 1.52 |
| cut distance P | mm | 0.956 | 0.079 | 3.27 |
| spirality angle α | degrees | not tested | not applicable | not applicable |

Table 7F (size 3-0 barbed suture)

| Measurement | Units | Average | Standard Deviation | Ratio of D, L, or P over Suture Diameter (0.292 mm) |
|--------------------------|---------|---------|--------------------|---|
| cut angle Θ | degrees | 164 | 2.055 | not applicable |
| cut depth D | mm | 0.106 | 0.006 | 0.36 |
| cut length L | mm | 0.395 | 0.042 | 1.35 |
| cut distance P | mm | 0.959 | 0.074 | 3.28 |
| spirality angle α | degrees | 7.329 | 0.547 | not applicable |